





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 1724

Christopher Hertzler, et al.

Examiner: NYA

Serial No.: 09/846,495

Filed on: April 30, 2001

For: TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR REMOVING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES FROM A SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESS WASTE GAS SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

OCT 2 8 2002 TC 1700

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

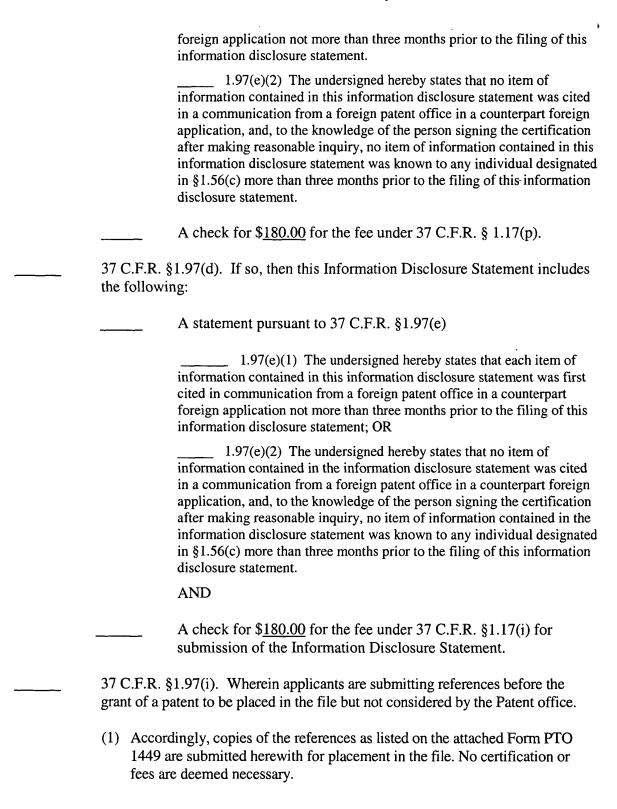
Enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 together with copies of the documents cited on that form. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered and that the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under one of the following (as indicated by an "X" to the left of the appropriate paragraph):

<u>X</u>	37 C.F.R.	§1.97(b).			
	37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). If so, then this Information Disclosure Statement includes one of the following:				
		A statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)			
		1.97(e)(1) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart			

Attorney Docker No. 60040-0015



Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

HICKMAN PALERMO TRUONG & BECKER LLP

Dated: October 17, 2002

John D. Henkhaus Reg. No. 42,656

1600 Willow Street

San Jose, California 95125-5106

Telephone: (408) 414-1080 Facsimile: (408) 414-1076

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231 on October 17, 2002 (Date of Deposit)

Jennifer Newell

ring I leur V

(Typed or printed name of person mailing correspondence)

(Signature of person mailing correspondence)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(PTO-1449)

ATTY. DOCKET NO. 60040-0015

SERIAL NO. 09/846,495

APPLICANT:

Christopher Hertzler, et al.

FILING DATE: April 30, 2001

GROUP: 1724

	O'ENI &		U.	S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
Exam. Initial*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Number		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		4,366,855		Spitz	01-04-1983	
		5,022,897		Balcar et al.	06-11-1991	
		5,295,448		Vickery	03-22-1994	
		5,328,354		McGrath et al.	07-12-1994	
		5,527,984		Stultz et al.	06-18-1996	
		5,538,541		Vickery	07-23-1996	7 8 1
		5,667,559		Vickery	09-16-1997	22
		6,027,550		Vickery	02-22-2000	- co
						2002
	<u> </u>					O P
			_ <u></u>			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Exam. Initial*	Cite No. ¹		eign Patent I Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (If known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD- YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner	Data Considered	ı
Zammo	Date Considered	
Signature		
Signature		i i

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard S.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.